

SS LAWRENCE AND PAUL



CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWSLETTER



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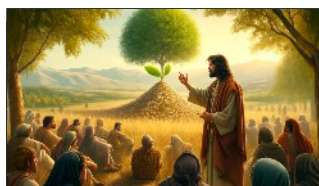
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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15th and 16th June 2024 - Psalter 3, Year B

DPL: St Mary, Bath

Second Collection: Building Fund



SAT	15 th CS	5.00pm	ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Joseph Dunne (Fmass)
SUN	16 th StP	11.00am	ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Una Dorney
Tue	18 th CS	9.30am	Mass	Williams Intention (OLOL)
Wed	19 th StP	9.30am	Mass: Memorial of St. Romauld, Abbot	Theresa Corbett RIP
Thur	20 th		No Service (Confirmation at Our Lady of Lourdes 7.00pm)	
Fri	21 st CS	10.00am	Funeral Mass for Douglas Dalziel RIP	Angel Intention
SAT	22 nd CS	5.00pm	TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Anna Power (Anni)
SUN	23 rd StP	11.00am	TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Akadiruhu Lamata, Watubali Waturidid, Luliherni Uma Antena, Sawata isi
Tue	25 th CS	9.30am	Mass	Theresa Corbett RIP (OLOL)
Wed	26 th StP	9.30am	School Mass for SS Peter and Paul	
Thur	27 th		No Service	
Fri	28 th CS	9.30am	Mass: Memorial of St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr	
SAT	29 th CS	5.00pm	SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL	
SUN	30 th StP	11.00am	SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL	

Confessions: Please contact Parish Priest for appointment.

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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES IN COMMUNION FOR MISSION

St Augustine			UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS	Our Lady of Lourdes		
Sat 15 th	Mass	6.00pm		23 rd June: Day for Life 30 th June: Peter's Pence 14 th July: Sea Sunday 21 st July: Building Fund 28 th July: Mission Appeal 11 th August: Fr Tim's Mission 18 th August: Building Fund 8 th September: Education Sunday	Sun 16 th	Mass
Sun 16 th	Mass	9.30am	Tue 18 th		Mass	9.30am
Tue 18 th	Evening Prayer	7.30pm	Thu 20 th		Confirmation Mass	7.00pm
Thu 20 th	Morning Prayer	10.00am	Sun 23 rd		Mass	9.00am
Fri 21 st	Mass	7.30pm	Tue 25 th		Mass	9.30am
Sat 22 nd	Mass	6.00pm	Thu 27 th		Mass	9.30am
Sun 23 rd	Mass	9.30am	Sun 23 rd		Mass	9.00am
Please check website to confirm times: www.staugustinesbristol.co.uk			Please check website to confirm times: www.ololbristol.co.uk			

MAKING A CATHOLIC VOICE HEARD AT THE GENERAL ELECTION

It's only natural that election candidates tend to focus on matters that affect local people directly. These are our concerns too, but as Christians we should also be asking 'What impact will the policies of our future government have on our poorest brothers and sisters in the wider world and on our fragile planet?'. The next few weeks are our chance to make these wider concerns heard – e.g. by challenging candidates on the doorstep, by emailing them, by attending the hustings on 26th June or ...any more ideas?

YATE AND SODBURY QUESTION TIME

ASK YOUR QUESTIONS* DIRECT TO THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES for THORNBURY & YATE



Presented by Churches Together in Yate and Chipping Sodbury
26th June, 7:30pm Chipping Sodbury Baptist Church

***** PARISH GARDEN FETE *****

The Fete will be on **Saturday 22nd June from 10:00am to 3:00pm at St. Lawrence Parish Hall and Gardens**
We **urgently** need donations of bottles for the tombola, gift sets, books, toys, bric-a-brac and cakes (nearer the time please). Raffle tickets for the Garden Fete will be on sale this weekend.
We also need volunteers to run our stalls. If you can help please contact Fr. Jim or Pat O'Rourke. Many thanks.

THE HOLY FATHER'S Prayer Intention for June: For migrants fleeing their homes. We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

44 BONUS BALL Game 1111 w/n 44 Fr Jim. Game 1112 w/n 3 Megan Foreman. £25 to each winner and £50 for Parish Building Fund.
Please speak to Kay Chapman/Pat O'Rourke for more details.

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What's on?



MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS AT ST LAWRENCE CHURCH
Next coffee morning is on **Saturday 10th August**

*Please speak to Pat O'Rourke
for more information.*



St. Pauls Laudate Si Garden Project

Hello Everyone! The Garden is growing **BUT**

We still need: Plants, shrubs, saplings, seeds, garden items

We hope: You take a few minutes to visit, to pray, remember or meditate

We plan: To make the garden private, natural and secluded, maybe to hold events/gatherings there in our peaceful oasis.

We intend: To build a small Marion shrine in the corner where there is already a huge bush of yellow roses.

Please: If you can help with ideas, work suggestions, donations, please contact Paul or Anne Lynch, Paul Sabine, or Rhiannon Davies
Email paddydelynchy@gmail.com

Support Our Local Food Bank

If possible... Please can you add one (or more) of the following items to your shopping basket this week to donate towards our local Food Bank collection?

Tinned soup, tinned fruit, tinned potatoes, tinned fish, sponge puddings, coffee, UHT milk, laundry capsules, washing up liquid, deodorant, shampoo & conditioner, shower gel.

Please can donations be put in the 'Food Bank' box at the back of the church. Thank you.

Confirmation 2024

Twenty three candidates from our parishes in communion will be confirmed on Thursday by our new Bishop Bosco in Our Lady Of Lourdes. Twelve candidates are from our parish of St. Lawrence & St. Paul. Please keep them in your prayers and pray that as newly confirmed Christians they may be a source of joy and hope in our parishes.

On Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th June, John Jordan will be giving a short talk at Mass on the **Legion of Mary**, a Catholic organisation that encourages its members to respond to Pope Francis' call that 2024 be marked as a year of prayer, and through the help of Mary come to a better understanding of God's love for us and how we can share this love with others, especially those in need.

Reflections for Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

1st Reading from the prophet Ezekiel 17: 22-24.

Ezekiel a priest was most probably amongst the first exiles to be deported to Babylon. His dramatic vision of God which happened by the river Chebar in Babylon was his central driving force. God refers to him as, "Son of Man", a very intimate address and shows how familiar God and Ezekiel's encounters became. Ezekiel's main theme is trying to explain where God is amid this terrible disaster that befell Israel. This particular passage we have before us, is to give hope to the exiles. God sets the image of the tree. God will plant it on a very high mountain in Israel, it will become very noble, and every kind of bird will live beneath it, and rest in its shade. This is expressing that one-day God will restore his people to Israel and those mighty ones who Lord it over them now, God will humble and bring low, for it is God who exalts and humbles. It is a message of great hope for his people. They must not despair, God is at hand and very close to them, in fact God is with them, wherever they are. It is a great message for us, as well, when we look at the state of the world, we sometimes think we are at the mercy of uncontrollable forces, but we are in God's hands, we are his special people we are God's creation and God loves us. We just do not have the capacity to understand what is happening, so that is when we need to remember to Hope and Trust in the Lord. Ezekiel's experiences are very relevant for all of us today. It is well worth studying his work.

Psalm 91: 2-3, 13-16

This song of "Thanks for God's Faithfulness", continues the vision of the tree. It enables the psalmist to apply the story of the tree to the people of God. If we remain planted in the house of the Lord, we will flourish and still bear fruit when we are old. What a beautiful thought, even in old age we can be useful to God, never a burden

2nd Reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 5: 6-10.

This reference to Christ's Tribunal may be a reminder of the tribunal in Corinth before which Paul was hauled, but more than this, it serves as a reminder that for Paul, Jesus has taken over another role, hitherto reserved for the Father. We are away from the Lord whilst still living in the body, so it is by the palpable presence of the Spirit that we experience Christ, not by our sight. So, for Paul, we must constantly work towards being in the actual presence of Christ when we shake off this mortal coil. We prepare to meet him by how we live today.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 4: 26-34

We are given a flavour of Jesus' teaching, by using everyday happenings. The sower and watching and waiting, whilst unable to be sure what is happening out of sight, yet he trusts that the seed is gradually growing to provide the harvest. This is very much like our lives in Christ, we carry on not being quite sure what is happening, but trusting in his word, and that it will produce a good harvest for the Lord and enable us to enjoy the fruits of our labour with him. Also, Jesus uses the imagery of Ezekiel's birds sheltering in the shade of the mustard tree, which starts life as one of the smallest seeds, yet grows and branches out large enough for the birds to shelter in its' shade. These stories seem to encourage his disciples to explore the deeper meaning whilst leaving others to be uninitiated. We rely upon the power of the Spirit to encourage us to explore the depths of scripture, we begin to see here how the New Testament reflects the Old Testament; there is a flowing back and forth that helps us realise that God has been working in us and with us all along. Our exploration of scripture opens the eyes of our spirits to discover the depth of God's love for each and every one of us.

God grant us the vision to discover the depth of what Jesus did for us. Deacon Vincent.

Safeguarding our Vulnerable Adults and Children

All church activities are subject to safeguarding policies and procedures. We encourage you to access these policies, which you can find in the Diocesan Resource along with important contact numbers on the safeguarding pages.

Parish website: <http://www.stlawrenceandstpaul.co.uk/cliftondiocese.html> <http://www.stlawrenceandstpaul.co.uk/safeguarding.html>



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Tel: 01454 321749